



HAMILTON COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

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LEPC Meeting, November 12, 2003

A meeting of the Hamilton County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) was held November 12, 2003 at the Chattanooga Police/Fire Training Center, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Those in attendance were:

Jamie Farrow, BWSC, **Chairperson**
Bruce Garner, Chatt. FD, **First V/Chairman**
Michael Brooks, E. Ridge FD, **V/Chairman**
Randall Ricketts, Health Dept., **V/Chairman**
Richard Twitchell, Self, **V/Chairman**
Bill Tittle, Chief, Emer. Mgmt., **V/Chairman**
Caleb Womack, Chattem Chemicals
Mike James, Marion Environmental
Jobie Jones, Velsicol Chemical
Denice Thacker, Velsicol Chemical
Mike Poe, SOFIX
David Darnell, BASF
Larry Martin, McKee Foods
Mike Edwards, McKee Foods
Brian Lopez-Cepero, Self
Jack Gray, Synair Corp.
Fred Layne, Chatt. Police Dept.
James Adams, Chatt. Fire Dept.
Wayne Foster, TN State Guard

Jim Coppinger, Chief, Chatt. Fire Dept.
Thadueus Morton, Chatt. Fire Dept.
Lamar Flint, Chatt. Fire Dept.
Jim Appleberry, Chatt. Fire Dept.
Tony Quarles, Chatt. Fire Dept.
Winston Shields, Chatt. Fire Dept.
Tim McDonald, Chatt. Stormwater
Randy Jacks, Chatt. Fire Dept.
Caroline Williams, LWV
Jean Croft, (**Visitor**)
Mike James, Marion Environmental
Dusty Rominger, W.R. Grace
Indu Thaker, Hamilton Co. Engineering
Garish Patel, ALCO Chemical
Terry Million, Invista-DuPont
Jim Parks, Health Dept.
Brian Lopez-Cepero, Self

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

Old Business:

- Minutes for September 10, 2003 LEPC meeting were approved as written by Committee at large.
- LEPC Financial report was given by the Secretary and approved as written.
- Chairman Farrow discussed briefly the oversight of not selecting a First Vice Chair position from the newly nominated Vice Chair positions.
- Bruce Garner, incumbent First Vice Chair agreed to continue in the position until it was discussed at the November 12 meeting.

- Following a brief discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved by the Committee at large to continue Mr. Garner in the position.

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New Business:

- Chairman Farrow said that some members felt that the occasional low attendance at meetings might be due to previously changing the meeting date from the third Wednesday of the month to the second Wednesday of the month. Ms. Farrow asked for a discussion on the matter.
- Following a brief discussion, the Committee at large decided to continue holding meetings on the second Wednesday of every other month.
- Chairman Farrow said that the County Fair was a huge success with a record attendance and added that the LEPC booth was also a great success. So much so that a member of the Harrison Seventh Day Adventist Church asked if the LEPC would speak at one of their community meetings.
- Ms Farrow and Mr. Creel attended their community meeting on November 9th and discussed the LEPCs mission, its mandate, its makeup, and showed the Hamilton County LEPC “Emergency Response” and the US-EPA LEPCs “Guarding the Safety of Your Community” video’s.
- A “Thank You” card was received from the Adventist Church for their efforts.

Update of Sub-Committees:

- Ms. Farrow updated the Committee on current LEPC subcommittee Chairpersons (asking members to volunteer their time and efforts to assist on these subcommittees):
 - Chief Tittle, Training subcommittee
 - Randall Ricketts, Plans subcommittee
 - Dane Creel, Exercise subcommittee
 - Dick Twitchell, Membership subcommittee
 - Mike Beavers, Public Outreach subcommittee
 - Michael Brooks, Programs subcommittee
- Ms. Farrow asked subcommittee chairpersons to speak briefly regarding their subcommittee.

Speaker:

- Mr. Garner introduced Chief Chuck Nichols who gave an excellent review of the LEPC Fall Exercise which was hosted by Synair Corp. on October 27, 2003.

Meeting Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned just prior to Noon. Lunch was provided courtesy of the Chattanooga Fire Dept.

Next Meeting:

- Next meeting will be Jan 14, 2003, 10:30 a.m. at Wally’s Restaurant in East Ridge, Tennessee.